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**P R O P O S A L S**  
To the P U B L I C;  
E S P E C I A L L Y  
**T h o s e i n P O W E R : &c.**

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PROPOSALS  
TO  
The PUBLIC;  
ESPECIALLY  
Those in POWER:

Whose Spirits may be sincere enough, at all  
Events, by a brisk MILITIA, to save  
*GREAT-BRITAIN.*

Likewise to regain the important Island of *Minorca*,  
besides our late Possessions in *America*, and X  
those famous Places that were lately lost,  
for Want of more disciplined Forces,  
in *GERMANY.*

Respectively inscribed to their Royal Highnesses,  
GEORGE, PRINCE of WALES, and  
PRINCE EDWARD.

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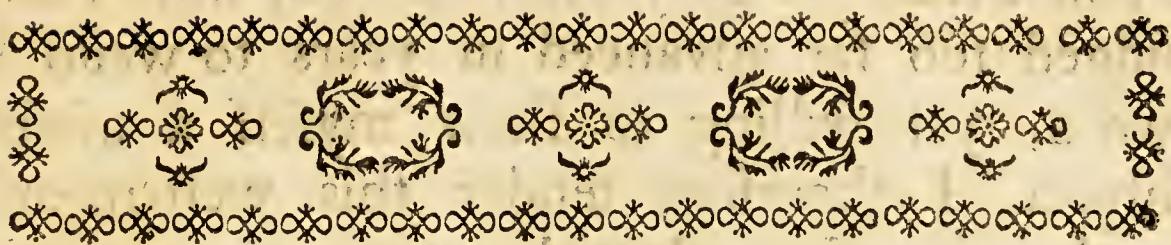
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## A peculiar Address

TO

His ROYAL HIGHNESS,

# GEORGE,

Prince of WALES.

*Most Gracious Prince:*

I HAVE had the honour to serve Your Royal Grandfather, with all due regard, the greatest part of his most happy reign; yet can sincerely say, that scarce any warrior, in my real opinion, ever served a better Sovereign upon earth: But, as earthly Potentates are all mortal; whensoever the King of Kings shall crown His Majesty with celestial Glory, Britons must then expect Your Royal Highness, the next Heir Apparent, will candidly accept and wear His Terrestrial Crown:

Upon

Upon which weighty consideration, now I am judged too far advanced in years to weild a sword, yet willing to shew myself a useful subject, I therefore tender this well-meant work as performed with my pen; not presuming too much on my single judgment, nor my own experience, but submit the same plan with pleasure, to a plurality of superior judges.

Especially my renowned Liege in Council: — Likewise our eximious Generalissimo: — The Master and Lieutenant Generals of Ordnance: — All the Lord Lieutenants of England and Wales: — Namely, his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, first Lord of the King's Treasury: — Also that noble Patriot, the most Honourable Marquis of Rockingham, Lord of the Bed-chamber to His Majesty: Being in great hopes of having my fervent scheme recommended to the British Parliament, by such famous patrons for the Army's welfare, through my firm confidence of so many leading Personages, to grant me a fair countenance and joint protection.

Notwithstanding the great Age of our gracious Monarch, provided these Proposals be speedily carried into Execution, his Majesty may yet live to see the good Effects of my Labours, that will vastly satisfy my zealous Ambition.

Ambition to oblige a benevolent Master: otherwise, I hope, your Royal Highness will quickly see an exert young Militia, very well qualified as they get proper strength, even to fight in Your defence, with true British fortitude, against any perfidious opposers: So that Your most courageous Uncle, the brave heroic Duke of Cumberland (my native county) may far better defy the restless power of France, or any imperious foe, that shall be desperate enough to resist his arms.

Doubtless Your Royal Highness, when a Minor, had both daily and hourly tutors, that would almost require Your constant attention; even to attain those liberal arts and sciences, besides such different languages, by turns, as seems absolutely necessary for an Heir to the Crown of England: Therefore I presume that Your Grandsire's loyal subjects, namely, the affectionate parents of delightful children, cannot reasonably object against two sorts of teachers for their favourite sons; but rather will animate all such pretty little pert minions, whose natural propensity may be set upon various pastimes, even to quit all such pernicious games, and to imitate the noble qualities of Your Royal Highness; not as puissant Princes,

Princes, by no means, but in warlike arts,  
to qualify themselves for serviceable subjects:  
So I shall refer these following paragraphs to  
Your serious consideration, and subscribe my-  
self, with all due submission;

G R E A T S I R,

Your Royal Highness's  
most faithful, most dutiful,  
and most obedient  
humble Servant  
to command:

John Railton.

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## PROPOSALS

To the PUBLIC, &amp;c.

A Treatise entituled, The SCHOOL-BOY'S EMULATION; or, Their SECOND BEST EXERCISE: Design'd to prevent their eager pursuit of sundry diversions, and to imbue their volatile minds with heroic virtues, by learning them the excellent mystery of martial discipline; so that they may be annually formed into a National Militia; even without any manner of prejudice, or the least impediment, to their scholastical education: Therefore I recommend these fair Proposals, in duty to all our firm British Rulers, for the speedy regulation of a scholastic Militia.

*Most Worthy Patriots of all Ranks:*

**R**ELIGION has undoubtedly convinced my judicious readers, of real Christian principles, that our school-boys must first learn to glorify their Creator, since Divine Worship will always be accounted the best exercise in his sight: Whereas I judge, nay, partly affirm, that their second-best exercise consequently follows; so they should next be taught the use of arms, at all seasonable opportunities, according to the laws of nature, in readiness to defend their native country upon any emergent occasion.

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Consider seriously of this weighty affair, so ye will perceive that many forward school-boys, whose capacities find encouragement, are well able to read their Bibles, if not conversant in the rudiments of Grammar, when they arrive at seven or eight years of age; and, without doubt, must then have some idea of their duty to the Deity: Howsoever, as they come to be nine or ten years old, I judge that some of their martial instructions should generally commence, since many poor lads are forced away at eleven or twelve; but all others should be successively continued in practice, at least, until they arrive at the age of thirteen or fourteen years; when many of the lower class go for apprentices, or menial servants, so they will certainly be the fittest persons to march in any Militia, and to fight in the room of their respective masters: since the Scripture says, *Train up a child in the way he should go, when he is young; and, when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Perhaps I shall meet with some people that will ask (as a great ruler over the Jews, queried about the New Birth; saying to our Saviour, — *How can this thing be?*) *viz.* How can we find a sufficient number of small-arms, for all the school-boys of Great Britain, suitable to every young person's size, and strength of Body? But, whensoever the Public, or any particular Personages in power, may be pleased to give me an order; I shall quickly answer that question; peradventure, with several others, that they shall propose in reason, upon the same subject: namely, by shewing them how different counterfeits, of any size, may be made at an easy expence; with some pattern firelocks and bayonets, if such patterns should be required, that will answer the learner's end of exercise in great perfection,

fection, if not equal to the best arms in his Ma-  
jesty's Tower of London.

Having thus contrived counter-firelocks for a young Militia, I may probably be asked this following question; — Where shall we find proper masters, duly qualified, to teach so many scholars their military profession, without a vast expence to the public? In which case my answer is ready, as there commonly are disbanded soldiers enough in want of bread, that would probably instruct all our British youth with pleasure, on the small consideration of bed and board in their native coun-  
ties; so that their pay from Chelsea College, if they have any out pensions, will supply them with decent apparel, and some pocket-money: Which method, I presume, must consequently prove a double benefit; not only by snatching many dis-  
banded soldiers from extreme wretchedness, seem-  
ingly insupportable at present, but also by pro-  
moting the future service of our gracious King  
and Country.

Some people may probably object against old soldiers, as unfit persons to act for drill-serjeants, because they don't understand the Prussians exer-  
cise, that seems now vastly in vogue all over these Kingdoms: But, with great submission to such objectors judgment, I boldly presume, those men that are well versed in General Bland's Discipline, may soon be acquainted with the Prussians method, or any other exercise in Europe: More especially, if they be sent to learn such new motions by the Guards at London, where the most of our marching drill-serjeants were obliged to repair; perhaps, from all parts of Great Britain, before they could teach that same art to their respective regiments: Therefore I'm sure it stands to reason, that all ap-

pointed teachers of any Militia, without exception, should first take their instructions from the same fountain-head (especially till the marching regiments are all perfect) and must be well approved of by some experienced officers, relative to all the present methods in practice, that such a regulated Militia may readily join our regular forces upon the very first appearance of an invasion.

As England and Wales, according to calculation, contain 9291 parishes; most probably there may be some veterans, capable of teaching the military art, either in or near every parish: otherwise, there commonly are fit men enough in Chelsea College, as aforesaid, to supply the places of drill-serjeants; and, perhaps, will officiate as country school-masters likewise, where such double duty may be greatly wanted.

But I must caution all such invalids, whether they have been non-commission officers, or only private soldiers, who may have the honour of being appointed drill-serjeants on this occasion, *i. e.* never to beat nor abuse their young Militia under arms, upon any pretence whatsoever, on the penalty of being cashiered; neither to use any despicable gestures, nor provoking language, that they did not like themselves, when their hands and tongues were tied in the ranks! Altho' the case will be altered here, in a great measure; for their learners are not to consist of galley-slaves, nor sure listed soldiers, but all aspiring voluntiers, and recruits upon courtesy; therefore they must have all due encouragement, according to their genius and several capacities, so that their exercise may seem a pleasure, rather than a task enjoined by public authority.

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Every body, that has been acquainted with any sort of schools, must certainly know the past unlucky pranks of most scholars, in the long absence of their respective masters ; namely, at Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide : Which three seasons they frequently have had five or six weeks holidays (so called) that were as frequently spent in ridiculous diversions ; so they corrupted their morals of course, to the greatest degree, and commonly endangered their lives or limbs ! Besides too much freedom at these constant festivals, with several others accidentally, most school-masters allow their scholars two half-days play every week, and two hours each of the other four days at dinner-time ; whereas it is well known that one hour, or even a single half-hour, would be time fully sufficient to fill their bellies, or to empty all their satchels : Therefore I would have our promising school-boys employed at all such vacant seasons, when the weather will permit, in learning some of those useful arts, whereby they may shortly be enabled to defend the British nation.

In case every two of the aforesaid parishes, lesser with the larger, should have but twenty-four of their eldest school-boys yearly disciplined, they would amount to 111,492 young warriors, well train'd every year (above the number proposed by the late act, to be compleated these nine or ten ensuing years) howsoever, I am fully persuaded, that several ambitious striplings, by striving to excel each other in the famous arts of war, will not only be far more expert than a mature Militia, but likewise vye with our regular troops in twelve months time.

Whensoever such a Bill shall pass both Houses of Parliament, the most of our ablest school-boys in

in South Britain, by their boundless ambition for conquest in all other cases, must in course be well qualified for self-defence: Or even to act on the offensive part, with a rising emulation, and a firm resolution, according as they gather sufficient strength to carry fire-arms.

Yet I make no manner of doubt, but all his Majesty's loyal subjects, both in North Britain and Ireland, will quickly follow such a laudable example: so that we may have a large number of brisk lads, yearly trained up to Books and Arms (perhaps upwards of 200,000 every year) either fit for the British Army abroad, or marines and sailors in the Royal Navy; not forgetting the privateers, nor yet the private ships of our adventurous merchants, where such disciplined forces may be strictly required: Besides, leaving brave fellows enough at home, to guard all our sea-coasts against the French, or any furious invaders under the sun, that shall dare attempt to set a foot in these realms.

What has given me great encouragement, the most of our young nobility (faith an experienced officer) "Are remarkably fond of their military duties; for they seem to prefer the honour and real advantage of that service, either to their ease, or any private interest:"—As this is the true martial spirit, rarely to be found, but in personages of exalted virtue, I must take leave to instance a few of those great men, who lately shone in the Military World: *viz.*

King William III. of immortal memory: Read General Bland's Discipline, chap. viii. art. 1.—The late Duke of Lorrain, famous for freeing the Empire from the Turkish yoke; by raising the siege of Vienna, 1675, with great slaughter

ter of the Infidels. — The Viscount Turenne, Marshal of France; famous for his battles in Germany, and the reduction of Flanders to the French power.—Great John, Duke of Marlborough; his glorious victories are still recent, and whose memory will be ever dear to the Genius of Britain.—Great Eugene, Prince of Savoy, colleague with the Duke of Marlborough in his victories over the French.—Peter the Great, Czar of Muscovy; remarkable for founding a vast Empire, and cultivating a rude, unpolished multitude, by teaching them the arts of war, &c. with great success.

Our shining patterns, last mentioned, notwithstanding their high rank and superior personal endowments (faith the same Veteran) “Esteemed it both honourable and necessary, on their first sallying out of private life, to be well instructed, not only in the use and exercise of arms, but even in the most minute branches of all the common and extraordinary duties of the private centinel, as well as those of the officer: thus, by a well-grounded theory, they soon became masters of those warlike arts, which made them the real terror of their enemies, besides the emulation of succeeding ages.” — Since all those famed Generals achievements, acquired by alacrity, and remarkable humility, were of public utility, which seldom or never fails of accumulating honour; not only our noble youth, but likewise other general officers, would do well to imitate such brave heroes, that our immediate leaders may also be crowned with everlasting laurel.

We should likewise consider, at this important juncture, the rising virtues of their present Royal and Serene Highnesses; — the Duke of Cumberland, — the Prince of Orange, — and the young Prince

Prince of Sweden :—Since I am assured, notwithstanding their pre-eminent stations, they were all early inured to the lowest exercises, and then trained up gallant companies of courtiers sons from their infancy : which fair examples of these young warriors, set forth in a clear light, I dare almost venture to affirm, will raise a fine emulation in our aspiring scholars ; whose true friends may still encourage them further, by some free contributions towards gunpowder, and giving prizes for the best Marks-boys, as they grow expert in arms : since a number of butts are to be erected in their respective counties, for the better encouragement of a riper Militia ; I fancy our lads may borrow their firelocks upon all such occasions, in case they are not afraid of being beat with their own muskets.

Let our Rulers but seriously consider, as they are the best judges, what great objections were made in the senate these two years past, against any General Militia's being composed of grown men ? One session, I think, the bill was entirely rejected, as a method impracticable ; and, the very next meeting of Parliament, it seems, a proposal was made to the House for raising 60,000 directly ; but, after their sitting all the last spring, as it appears by an extract, the said Bill has only passed for 32,000 men : which small number must naturally be accepted, since our natives can spare no more from sundry occupations ; namely, without committing the most gross neglect, if not unpardonable crime, of cultivating their grounds !

Neither may so many grown persons be conveniently spared, in a promiscuous manner, to harafts round the rugged country, merely for grand parades, and pompous rary-shows, at all commands, notwith-

notwithstanding our present danger! Unless we make a real dearth in the land, that may prove far worse at length (not for the poorest sort of people) than this long suspected, and still more perspicuous, artificial famine! Whereas our judicious Legislature, I do really believe, only nominated such a little number at long-run (compared with those multitudes of other powers) for immediate service in case of rebellion, or the needful satisfaction of many importunate constituents; whose just resentment, for the great disgrace and loss of Minorca, seemingly made them request such a numerous body of grown Militia, as their discreet representatives, after a long deliberation, might find extremely difficult and dangerous to effect! especially, at this critical conjuncture of national affairs.

Therefore I am very much afraid, that our riper Militia, suppose it be raised, will even dwindle away by degrees; if it don't die without redemption, during the next Peace, or whensoever the noise of our losses, and the clamour of War shall become dormant: But, nevertheless, with a proviso that these Proposals take place, according to my good intentions for the British Government; in all probability, a growing Militia may live so long as the world endures, and our posterity, that may still persevere, will seemingly prove one of the most warlike nations in it.

More especially, I presume, if their school-boys never play with bats and ball; hand-ball or football, tennis-ball, nor any such trifling toys: which great variety of destructive games, very likely will never be known to the next century, in case our fine scholars renounce them all directly, for the sake of learning some more useful and manly

divertisements: namely, the dexterous arts of playing their bombs and balls, if they must needs play with any sort of balls; either musket-ball, or some thundering cannon-ball, so that they may be able to annoy their encroaching enemies any way.

Questionless, those British parents of sublime notions, or being led by any peculiar motives, wanting their darling sons taught the noble art of Gunnery, may have several pensioners of well-known experience, by their long service in the Royal Train of Artillery; whose studious endeavours for their skill in theory, besides a series of actual practice, may likewise further appear on the same consideration, according to my proposals of bed and board for Chelsea College Pensioners. But, as a great many soldiers were disbanded, both Horse and Foot, after 15 or 16 years faithful service, without any benefit of the Royal Bounty; I therefore judge it very just and reasonable, that all such men should be first preferred, if they shall be found capable upon a strict enquiry, with respect to their past life and conversation: Which non-pensioners must have a small salary of course, besides their bed and board at free-cost, for their better encouragement, or be put upon the pension-list of their respective corps; remembering that all such appointed Teachers, according to my plan, must not only read, and write a plain hand, but likewise be selected men of sound morals.

By the vicious deportment, too often discovered in our soldiery, some people may be very apt to suspect, that we have no veterans of conscientious virtue; not so much as one of true morality amongst us, even to save our whole fraternity, altho' an Angel, or a Prophet, should plead our cause

cause before the Lord, as faithful Abraham pleaded for a wicked city in the Land of Canaan ! But, those wrong-headed people, that censure all our cloth so hard, for the sake of some licentious brethren, will certainly find themselves greatly mistaken, upon a fair scrutiny into all our actions : Notwithstanding there be many reprobates in the ranks (perhaps more hypocrites in the Churches) such impious persons, once perfectly discovered, are shunned by the rest every where else, to my certain knowledge.

Good reason why ; for I have been well acquainted with the British Army, at home and abroad, these last twenty-four years or upwards ; yet never knew a regiment without some religious officers, nor even a single troop or company without several devout soldiers ; whose virtues may vye with those censorious persons (that despise their protectors) of any other profession, perhaps in all our gracious Sovereign King George's dominions : Therefore I have a great opinion, and am pretty confident, how all impartial judges will readily allow, that our brave officers and soldiers, of such genuine dispositions to Christianity, moral honesty, and humanity ; whose persons were exposed to the shot of our adversaries abroad, for the nation's welfare, should not stand for shooting-butts, nor may-games after their safe return : Altho' our most valiant bands in former wars, now feeble disbanded servants, have frequently been remarked of late, in a very scornful and ridiculous manner, for the bolts of busy fops, or drunken sots upon alehouse benches at home !

Zealous affections for my native land, after all our great losses over-sea, judged for want of more such forces as are here disdained, chiefly occasions

all these just reflections: since the wisest of other Powers, by a current report, care for their careful warriors; many of our natives would probably do the same, in case they were but so well acquainted (as most exotic nations commonly are) with all the necessary duties of a military life: Therefore I recommend such experienced tutors for our youth, as were accustomed to religious exercises from their cradles, and alternately trained in the eminent discipline of war, even from their common schools or higher academies.

Being pretty well assured, as Britons were bred, according to the Scripture, they will always beat the same road; or, a great majority of brave men, at least, will maintain their integrity: so that such a select number of drill-serjeants, and respective school-masters, may assist each other; by leading up those brave lads in the fear of God alone, with an unfeigned regard for their native country, necessitous kindred especially, and a natural affection towards their trusty neighbours: Which virtuous qualifications of our scholars, well connected with their martial accomplishments, will in course prepare them effectually, at all events, for a vigorous defence of his Majesty's Crown and Dignity,

¶ Quickly after these foregoing paragraphs were composed, in August 1757, when I travelled about my own affairs, many of the country people seemed quite disaffected! whose names had lately been taken, in particular, by their respective constables, for a National Militia: Therefore I promised some of those rusticks, with God's permission the next National Assembly, to address the King

King and Government, that such like grievances might speedily be redressed.

Altho' some of our clod-hoppers seem to want cultivating, in several respects, more than those rude Muscovites afore-mentioned ; but, we ought to consider, our country boors have the light of Scripture (that they seem dubious of losing entirely !) besides many other advantages of Liberty and Property ; formerly unknown, if not yet mysterious, to the dark Muscovians ! So that our folks must consequently be cultivated, whenever the attempt shall be made, with far more care, and more peculiar caution, than those rude unpolished rabble required, that were said to be so well disciplined by the famed Emperor of Muscovy.

Peradventure some of our leading men, that will not readily credit my faithful discoveries, may be fully convinced by going thro' Great Britain incognito, dressed like the poorest sort of our laborious country clowns : But, as such-like journeys, by way of stratagems, are not customary amongst our superiors at present ; — in case the King and Council assembled, only vouchsafe me a speedy audience, I will engage my life to give them some peculiar advice, that shall most apparently merit their serious attention.

Unless our Legislature make some material amendments, by removing several objections to a late Act, the very next Session of Parliament, I doubt we shall have a Civil War amongst ourselves ! Our daily bread being dear, husbandry work very cheap, and the labourers required to fight, or learn to form the hollow-square, for little or nothing, — are esteemed intolerable hardships ! Our peck loaves, many people say, were usually sold for three shillings apiece, or upwards ; but of late,

late, if not yet, now in October 1757, at about half a crown each loaf; which bread may well be afforded, as the most penetrating judges affirm, at eighteen pence a peck, so long as we have such great plenty of corn in the country: Therefore I hope our wise Rulers will take these friendly hints, meant for timely precautions (small hints, compared with the secrets reserved for his Majesty in Council) so as certain statutes, for our daily food, and poor peoples wages, may be rendered more agreeable to the Public: but still, far more suitable, at this ensuing season, to the unanimous satisfaction of those persons appointed for a National Militia.

Yet I would not be understood to mean, that the late Act should be entirely disannulled, thro' any vain presumption, on purpose to forward my own favourite scheme: No, my firm patriots, some articles of both schemes are so essential, in my real estimation, that I sincerely believe in my own conscience, either of the said plans alone, can't be well brought to any great degree of perfection, without being successively encouraged by the other part: Therefore I heartily wish for some necessary alterations in the said Act, or that all wealthy parishes would assume the same public spirit, according to their power, so as to follow the fine example of this subsequent vestry; supposed in the West Riding, Yorkshire, where the liberal Marquis of Rockingham is Lord Lieutenant:

*Daily Advertiser, Sat. Sept. 17, 1757.*

“ At a public meeting in the Vestry of Skipton,  
“ in Craven, last week, it was unanimously agreed  
“ in order for the more speedy and effectual car-  
“ rying

“ trying the Militia Act into execution) to allow  
 “ one shilling and six-pence per day, at the ex-  
 “ pence of the town, to each person, who should  
 “ be thought a proper substitute for that pur-  
 “ pose.”

Virtue in one Vestry, so remarkably broke forth, as my reason dictates, should be sufficient to banish vice from all the rest; since the strict justice, and equal generosity, of these Vestry Gentlemen, on this urgent occasion, can never be too much admired, nor scarce enough imitated: But, howsoever the riper Militia may be ordered hereafter, our school-boys should have a parliamentary promise at first, for one half guinea a piece encouragement every week; otherwise a guinea every three weeks, besides their daily subsistence, during any unnatural rebellion, or an actual invasion: Which shining piece of pure gold for each person, meaning a fair prospect of such pretty coin, will consequently animate their juvenile spirits, as they come to be fifteen or sixteen years of age; even to vye at all events, upon their martial exercises, with any veteran forces in England, or to bid the vexatious foes of valiant Britons a bold defiance.

F I N I S.



# INTRODUCTION

To an *Extract*; entitled,

## ZEALOUS REMONSTRANCES, &c.

**A** VERY *dirty Sheet of Paper!* or, a very *dirty Sea Captain!* Who called it so, thro' Spite and Malice, to save his *dirty Credit* at a Court of Conscience for *Westminster*.

By a reputed Grandson of his Grace, *John*, late Duke of *Marlborough*; otherwise an Earl's Grandson; *John Railton*, Plaintiff.

I told the said Court of my Writing some *Discoveries* in *May* and *June*, A. D. 1756; also carried my Subject for Alderman *Beckford's* Approbation, that very Summer.—When Captain *Tho. Collett* came there to Breakfast, according to Custom; he received the *Manuscript*, and promised to get me an Answer within two or three Days at the farthest: But he put me off till the Senator went to his Country Seat, and took my Copy with him, as the *Captain* affirmed, when he gave me this subsequent Direction in his own *Hand Writing*.—*William Beckford, Esq; at Font-Hill: Wilts.*

Just as I had got the aforesaid Direction, Capt. *Collett* advised me not to take such a long *Journey*, but to wait for Mr. *Beckford's* coming back; who had approved of my *Discoveries* so well, as the *Captain* protested, that I should be satisfied for my Trouble and Loss of Time; if the *Alderman* did

did nothing else in that Affair.—Which *Captain* kept me six or seven Weeks in Suspence, then returned the *Manuscript*, and bid me go to Mr. *Beckford* for an Answer ; being about *Michaelmas* Term.

That ensuing Winter, I went to wait on them both successively, almost every Week, and got a great many plausible Promises from Capt. *Collett* ; but no *access* to Alderman *Beckford*, nor any *satisfactory* Answer from his other Servants : For which special Reasons, I dropt my *Suit* till *May*, A. D. 1758 ; then applied several Times to his chief Domestic (Captain *Collett*) who promised as aforesaid, but never *vouchsafed* me any Response : —So I left a Letter at his House, desiring him to perform his repeated Promises ; which might enable me to pay for printing a *Tract* ; entitled, **THE MINISTER'S PRACTICE : OR, THE FEMALE POLITICIAN.**

Which *Subject* was then in the Press, and I attended that same *Captain*, for a final Answer, on the second Day of *June*, at his Office in *Nicholas-Lane*, near *Lombard-street* : Then he bid me go about my Business, since they had a hundred such like *Schemes*, but he never knew any of those *Authors* get a single *Farthing* for their Works, nor any other *Favours*, from Mr. *Beckford* : (A Gentleman reckon'd to be *principally concerned* in writing the *Monitor*.) Which barbarous *Repulse* of that Senator's *Abettor*, excited me to send him a *Summons* the very next Day, and he appeared to it on the 8th of *June*, bullying much like a *Boatswain* in a *Man of War* !

Captain

Captain *Collett* did not deny any of these afore-going Allegations in Court, but he abruptly assur'd the Gentlemen, twice over,—what I called a *Manuscript* (never read by himself) was a very *dirty* Sheet of Paper! or, two Sheets, he could not well remember which.—I ask'd the Court, since Captain *Collett* never perus'd my Copy, by his own *Confession*, how he could certainly know it to be a very *dirty* Sheet of Paper? Then the *Captain* reply'd, in a *snappish* Manner, that Mr. *Beckford* told him so.—As some of the Gentlemen still seem'd on my Side, that *Sea Captain* said, he was a *Merchant* in the *City of London*, (a *Green Grocer*, in that *Metropolis*, may say the *same*) from whence he came, *forced* by my *Summons*, to attend that Court!

Great *Hardship*! To dine with Alderman *Beckford* in *Soho-square*, or at his own House in *King-street*, so cross the Corner of *Covent-Garden* to *Hart-street*, and to attend that Court near Five o'Clock in the Afternoon! Where he likewise alledged, how I was a *Chelsea Pensioner*, and Mr. *Beckford* declar'd, that he would certainly *complain* against me to the *BOARD of Works*!—Then the Clerk ask'd me for *Seventeen-pence*; so the *London Merchant* slipt out of Court, without taking an *Oath*, whilst I waited for my *Change*! Therefore I shall add that *Affidavit Shilling* to the *Debt*, or *Damage*, and refer my judicious Readers to that very *dirty Sheet of Paper*! But, as Alderman *Beckford* may have a *perfect* Copy, or the *cleanest Part* of it for his own *Monitor*; the most

dirty Puddles in my Work are carefully extracted to this following Effect.

## ZEALOUS REMONSTRANCES.

SHEWING just Cause for General Blakeney's Trial, where he may have the *Appearance* of more exemplary Justice done him, on his *unaccountable Fame* in *Defence* of *Minorca*! Since he would *questionless*, be the more honourably acquitted, by the solemn *Oaths* of his *Brethren*, at a *General Court Martial*: Written during the *Siege* of *St. Philip's Castle*, (or before any certain *News* arrived in *England*, to confirm the *Surrender* of that important *Fortress*) upon a *sure Foundation*, if our daily *Occurrences* were *Matters of FACT*; that he did not prepare himself, near so well as he might have done, in *seven Years Time of Peace*, to give the *Marshal Duke of Richlieu* a warm *Reception*.

Design'd for the *Legislature of Great-Britain*.

SINCE the *general Reduction*, A. D. 1749, I laid several Complaints before proper *Superiors* at *Home*; enough in Reason, for a fair *Warning* to any *impartial Judges*; concerning some Leaders *unwarrantable Practices Abroad* all the last *War*: Namely, relative to General *Anstruther's* tyran-nick *Sway*; who was often told, that I never had a lawful Discharge, from the *Royal Train of Artillery*; notwithstanding, he had me *forcibly detain'd* above *eleven Years*, in his *Cameronian Regiment*, and

and rather treated like any *Turkish Slave* than a *Christian Soldier*.

Afterwards, about 1100 Men were *embarked* in *Portmahon Harbour*, and *disbanded* without any *Benefit* of the *Royal Bounty*; yet, we never could recover our long *Arrears* from those *arbitrary Officers*, by Reason that they *forced* us to give *Receipts* in full of all *Demands*; not only upon *Pain of terrible Imprisoment*, with subsequent *Tortures* (too barbarous to mention at present) but, the *Tyrants* also *threaten'd* to leave some of us old *Warriors* behind; pretending we should either *Sign* our *Discharges*, or *stay* on that *stony Island* during *Life*! (little *dreaming* of the *Marshal Richlieu's Approach* to *relieve* us) Notwithstanding Governor *Blakeney* has got a great *Reputation*, he certainly *encouraged* the *Commanders of Companies* to *tyrannize*, if it was only by his *wilful Connivance* at their *cruel Menaces*, but *abundantly* more so through his own *Example*!

By which *base* *Means*, the *imboden'd Officers* *bully'd* us out of about *Eight-pence a Week* for certain, or *Thirteen-pence a-piece* every Week, in Case the King sent us *Salt Beef gratis*; as our *Oppressors* granted, at the *War-Office*, that his Majesty paid a *Part*: (Witness the Right Hon. *Henry Fox*) Therefore, I presume, a *Sovereign Prince* would rather pay all that *Expence*, than *Club* with any *private Soldiers* for the same *Article*: So my particular *Share* of *Arrears*, if I belonged to the *Cameronians*, must *Amount* to *Thirty Guineas or upwards*; *stop'd* under such *crafty Connivers*

*Connivers* as are now *renown'd* for *Bravery*, (not one single Word of *BRIBERY* nor *CORRUPTION*!) But all such credulous *Britons* may be more careful the next *general Reduction* ; since the most of those injur'd *Veterans* aforementioned, near 1100 in Number, by a *common Rumour*, went directly to the *French* King for *Bread* ! Therefore, we need not much *Wonder* in the Main, how Marshal *Richelieu* came so well acquainted with our *Mines* ; when he would not let his Army take *Possession* of those two small Posts, that were said to be *abandoned* by our Forces ; doubtless, with a *Design* to *blow* up the Besiegers : But, those old *Birds* would not be so easily *catched* ; since our experienced *Cast-Offs*, that fled to France (for want of their *long Arrears*) can give their present Officers perfect *Intelligence* of St. *Philip's* *Subterraneans*.

General *Blakeney* bears the *Character* of a *bold Commander*, as it's a very *natural Cause*, amongst all Friends and affectionate *Countrymen*, to *speak* the best of their own *Companions* ; but, who can be *answerable* for his *conscientious Principles* (whether he lose or keep the *strong Fort* of St. *Philip's Castle*) or his good *Conduct* before the *Siege* commenced ? Especially, if there be any *Truth* observed in a positive *Advertisement*, that mention'd his *fining* the *Islanders* 22,000 *Dollars*, and so *excused* all those *treacherous Subjects* from any *further Service* ; when they had *obstinately refus'd* to take up *Arms* against the *French* ?

Could not our *Governor* *confine* the *rebellious Magistracy* ? And soon *compel* some of the *Rest* to bear

bear Arms through *fear*, before his powerful Enemy landed at *Furnell's Castle*, or *Ciudadella* ? Rather than accept of such a *trivial* Sum, as 4,400 *Pounds*, for the *Military Chest*, or his own *Perquisites* ! otherwise, he should have made all *suspected* Rebels *quit* the Island, without any further Dispute ; especially, such *robust* Natives, as were formerly *employ'd* about our Fortifications ; since those that are not for us, (saith our Blessed *Saviour*) will consequently be the most against us : But, through such *gross* Neglect of Governor *Blakeney*, we find, the *crafty* Foe *procured* five hundred of those *effective* Labourers every Day ; and, without doubt, so many busy Informers of the famous Engineer *Crosby's Decoys* !

Howsoever our fortify'd *Ruler* may be reduced at present, or obliged to *Parly* with his *powerful* Antagonist ; I'm *positive* the *naked* Natives could not possibly *force* him to capitulate ; by Reason that they neither had FireArms, nor Ammunition, at their Command before the *Siege* : Except a large Number of bright *Dollars*, to *storm* his grand Battery ; besides those few mentioned for the *Military Chest*, or his own *Pocket* ; as private Purses are frequently Fatal, or extremely dangerous, to mercenary Leaders ; being most likely to bury their boasted Honour under Ground ! Notwithstanding his Excellence kept the *Pretender* out of *Stirling-Castle*, perhaps that poor Enemy could give him no great Allurement, nor Temptation of Gold to *surrender* that Garrison ; whereas we *Veterans* know by Experience, how any strong

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Fort may stand secure enough, until it's vigorously stormed : But, in Case our *exalted Governor* came off, quite uncorrupted from *Scotland*; might not more absolute Power, at the *remote Island* of *Minorca*, soon *alter* his *Property*, and *tempt* him to *proceed* like some of his *lucrative* *Predeceſſors* ?

Suppose our *fam'd Governor* took those native *Turncoats*, even for true *Subjects*, at his first *Arrival*; might not seven *Years Experience* shew him their *Perfidy*, in some *Perfection*, before the *French* arrived to drive him from his fine *Prospect* at *Portmahon* ? Provided there had been no *Remoras* (*Sea Lamprey, clinging Fish*) in the *Mediterranean* ? Nor *Levant Gold-Dust*, flying about the *Sea-Coast* of *Minorca*, to prevent all his fair *Penetration* ?—When Marshal *Richlieu* first landed at *Ciudadella*, we find, the *Chief* of those *Magiſtrates* paid him great *Compliments*; then sent their *Peſants* for *Help*, to bring his *Baggage* on *Shore* with more *Expedition*, and made the great *Bells* of their *Churches* to *Ring* for *Joy* ! But, in all *Probability*; if there had been no *Bribery*, nor base *Corruption* in the *Case*, their *Clergy* must have rung the *Hand-Bells*, or sung *Te-Deum* under *St. Philip's Castle*: which famous *Conduct* (of our *Commander*) might have kept their *Inferiors* more *Loyal*; if not most effectually aw'd the *superſtitious Country People*, and made them extreme anxious to preserve their own *Church Rulers*, rather than to *repair* the broken *Roads* for any *Foreign Troops*.

In short, those native *Rebels* were idoliz'd so much at General *Blakeney's* first Arrival to govern, that he would spare no time to Redress private Soldiers Grievances, nor scarce ever suffer them to carry their bare Compliments within his Court Gate ; whether through *fear* of being *disturbed* in some private Business, or in his more *eager* Pursuit of Pleasure with the Natives, must consequently be a *Secret* best known to himself, and some of his *Bottle* Companions *most* in Favour : Did he not *bring* a large Chest full of *Poppets* with him to *Portmahon*, representing a *brave* Regiment of Men under Arms, if not a *vast* numerous Army, designed to *perform* a famous new *Exercise* of his own *Invention* ?—By Report of his particular Favourites, he said, one of his *Poppets* was always an *awkward* Fellow ; therefore he *threw* that little painted *Image* thro' his *Chamber* Window : However, some *merry* Soldiers, to my certain Knowledge, made a *show* of it in the *Main Guard* ; but he soon turned their *Mirth* to *Sorrow* and *Misery*, as they were frequently pester'd with the same *fantastical* Exercise, where *Care* enough was taken to keep their craving *Bellies* empty, so that they might run the faster away from any other *Enemy*.

Thus my Readers may easily perceive, how a dexterous Governor made new *Poppets* of old Soldiers, not forgetting to bring their Officers upon the *Stage* likewise ; when both *embarrass'd* Parties gave him many bitter Curses behind his Back ! Moreover, they commonly *suggested* by Way of

*Derision*, that he seemed far better qualify'd for a *Manager* of some *Poppet Show*, than to govern our *Garrisons* abroad in time of *WAR*: since he partly abolished our perfect established *Exercise*, with an ambitious *View* to introduce his own *Discipline*: But, I've been credibly assured, Sir *William Boothby*, Major of Colonel *Kennedy's* *Regiment*, refused to Fatigue his Men with any such *Innovations*, until some Orders came from *England*; since he was sure the King himself, and some of the best Judges in his Majesty's Service, had not only pass'd their unanimous *Approval*, but also had authorised General *Bland's* *Book of Exercise* throughout the *British Army*.

Yet, our *Topicks* abound with Governor *Blakeney's* fine *Atchievements*, and his *Guardian Bravery* to *Perfection*, as all great *Exploits* were attributed to him alone; like an *Angel* of the first *Magnitude*: For, it seems, no manner of *Encomiums* are paid to any other *Commanders*, nor to those laborious Bands that stand the *Batteries* upon all *Occasions*! Rash *Britons*, take *Care*; will ye rob the *Diety* of his *Dignity*, or deprive the King of his *Diadem*, and Crown their *whimsical Deputy* with all the *Spoils*, besides a *Garland* of everlasting *Laurel*? Why should one mortal Man have so much *Idol Praise*, as if he could preserve all the King's *Dominions* by himself, even e'er ye know any Thing *Material* of his real *Merit*; or whether he may not prove (upon *Trial*) one of the greatest *Raparees* ever bred in *Europe*? Remember, it's not Governor *Blakeney's* *Prudence*, near so much as *God's*

God's Providence, that governs over all Armies, and *animates* the Gunners to fight your *Battles*; by giving them true Courage to face all Dangers, especially in desperate *Sieges*, and the famous Art to Point their ponderous Cannon for Execution, before they possibly can dismount the *French* Batteries.

Let our *presumptuous* Leaders, therefore, give Glory to the *Supreme* Artist, and Reward all his *diligent* Labourers with more Equity than aforesaid; lest their long Arrears arise in Judgment, against such *unjust* Rulers, as it's frequently express'd in Scripture; so *provoke* the Omnipotent to *Fight* against those cruel Oppressors!—Peradventure, General *Blakeney*'s Friends will yet alledge, just as they did in the former Part of *June*, when a Report prevailed, that Fort St. *Philip*'s capitulated on the 26th of *May*, viz.—

‘ However, if the Place is lost, ’tis not the Governors Fault, our Enemies do Justice to his Courage and Conduct, and say, ’tis Pity, (altho’ at the same Time they are glad of it) that *England* has not many Officers of his *Merit*.’

Such *lofty* Compliments, doubtless, were *fine* Strains of *French* Policy; for, they seemed confident of the *Fort*, in a *little* Time after they landed; and even pretended, through *French* Pride (probably in *Contempt* of *English* Wisdom), that our Garrison wanted skilful Gunners! Whose resolute Fires, nevertheless, by their own Fortitude, often frustrated the numerous Besiegers Expectation: Therefore, I boldly presume, those baffled

baffled Officers extol'd General *Blakeney's* Bravery, with a double View of Advantage to themselves: i. e. In all Probability, both to set forth their Native Country's Politeness, and more especially to *Amuse* the impatient Court of *France*.

† So ends an *Extract*, from what was called, a *very dirty* Sheet of Paper! Now referred to the judicious *Legislature of Great-Britain* (with due Regard to the *Ladies*) and the *Judgment* of their *Constituents* in general; especially those worthy *Patriots* that *addressed* the King, and *instructed* their representatives with *Sincerity*; not only *relative* to the most *wilful* neglect of *Minorca*, but likewise to *enquire* about the Reasons of all our *national* Miscarriages.

— Mr. *Thomas Collett*, as I am very credibly assur'd, was formerly Capt. of a *Vessel* trading to *Jamaica*; but, how *just* he has been to his *Mariners* (by his *base* Demeanour to *me*) let the World judge with *Equity*: For my own Part, I suspect that he got the most of his *Pelf*, to make himself a *London* Merchant, by picking out the *Brains* of poor *Britons*! Since Alderman *Beckford*, I am still *perswaded*, is a Gentleman of more Honour, than to *keep* my *Work* six or seven *Weeks*; and then to send it back, without allowing me a suitable *Recompence*, for my *Trouble* and *Loss* of *Time*: Therefore I have great Reason to *judge*, that Capt. *Collett* had carried my *Copy* (for *Lucre* of *Gain*) amongst some of General *Blakeney's* Friends; and made

made the Senator's Absence a Pretence, only to suppress those well-meant *Discoveries*!

§ During the *King's* Residence, at his *German* Dominions, I applied to Sir *Robert Walpole*; but, received no Answer, as my Application concerned some *fraudulent* Officers! Therefore I addressed the *Queen-Regent*, and she asked Sir *Robert's* Opinion of my *Complaints*? Who readily acknowledged, without perusing my Address, how he perfectly knew the Style, and spoke to my Officers accordingly; but, as they reckon'd me a *Lunatick* Person, he imagined, it would not be proper to *intermeddle* with my *Affairs*: Then her Majesty *reply'd*, since he knew my Hand-Writing, and *Character* so well, she was *sure* it could be no *Madman's* Work; for which *special* Reasons, she ordered her *Politician* directly to *send* for their *Secretary at War*, quite from his *distant* Country Seat in *Devonshire*; that he might enquire *strictly* into my Allegations, and let her know the real Truth of every *Article*, against the *King's* Return from *Hanover*.

Briefly telling Sir *Robert*, in *express* Terms, that they could get Officers sooner than Soldiers to *compleat* their *Forces*; therefore she resolved to speak with his *Majesty*; not only to order me a *due Redress*, if in the Right (as she *really* believ'd) but likewise a *Commission* for my faithful *Discoveries*: Which *Secretary at War* (seemingly vexed at such a *sudden* Call) instead of *impartial* Judgment, proved to be my *bitter* Enemy! And, after

after several cross Examinations, at the *War Office*, for three *Weeks* successively, he then suffer'd me to be closely confined (so prevented my further Applications to the *Queen-Regent*) being kept sixteen *Weeks* in *Prison* ! But no *Crime* alledged, only book'd as confined, by order of the *Secretary at War* !

Thus I was most wrongfully detained ; merely to screen the *Faults* of my conscious *Adversaries*, until discharged from their oppressive *Corps*, without any *Form* of a *Trial* at last !

\*†\* Quickly after that Dismissal, I listed into the Royal *Train* of *Artillery*, and did the *King's Duty* sometime at *Woolwich Warren* ; where my Service was so well approved of, that the Captain *Commandant*, very often, promised me speedy *Preferment* : And, in the mean Time, gave me leave to reside at *London*, about my own *Business* ; only to appear constantly at their *Monthly Musters*, and then return back to my own *Occupation*.—Doubtless, that Commander little suspected my real *Design* ; but, *Peradventure*, as a *Clerk* in this great *Metropolis*, rather than a *Writer* against any of his *Brother Officers*.—In brief ; the *bare Remembrance* of that *bad Usage* abovementioned, with many other *cruel Oppressions* to the same Purpose, excited me to compose a Book of one *half Crown Price* ; entitled, *The ARMY's REGULATOR* ; or, *The British Monitor* : Dedicated to the *King's* most excellent Majesty.

\*\* Two of those Books, neatly *bound*, *gilt* and *lettered*, were tender'd to the *King* and *Queen* at

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Kew-Green ; when her Majesty (of *Immortal Memory*) bid me give my two Books to a *Page* that attended, just as the *Chaise* set off for St. James's : Which *Page*, after their Majesties Departure, *perused* my *Title-Page*, then run into the *Court* without my Books ; whom I *quickly* follow'd and described him to a *Lady*, that went directly for an *Answer*, leaving the *Doors* open ; so that I could see a Ring of *great Officers*, sitting round a *Table* in the *third Room*, with *Silver Tankards*, several *Decanters* and *Glasses* before them : From whence the *courteous Lady* came with a *Guinea* in her Hand, and *asked* if I was the *Gentleman* (as she pleased to express herself) that *presented* two *Books* to the *King* and *Queen* ?—Being answered, that I was the same Person—*Sir*, (she said) you are desired to leave the two *Books*, and to *accept* of this *Guinea*.

Just as I came out of the *Court Gate*, several *gallant Gentlemen* were a *walking* on the *Green* ; when one of them ask'd if I had got those *Ten Guineas*, that the *Queen Caroline* had order'd ?—I reply'd as afore-mentioned.—Then he said, before his Companions, ‘ That the *Page* was a *Villain* ! ‘ Who had sent out one *Gninea* (a very common *Practice at Court*) on Purpose to pocket the other ‘ *Nine* ! Since I can safely take my *Oath*, that ‘ her Majesty ordered such a *Page*, in the *German Language* (which I *perfectly* understand) immediately to receive those two *Books*, and to give ‘ the *Author* ten *Guineas*. ’

I returned the Gentleman *sincere* Thanks, for his

his fair Intelligence ; then told him of my own *Suspicion* ; that some of the *Military Officers*, most probably, had sent a single *Guinea* ; with a *Design*, if any ways *possible*, to conceal my *Presents* from both of their *Majesties* ! Therefore I *resolved* to *present* them with two more Books at St. *James's*, least the others should be *intercepted*, and to pay my *just* Compliments for the *same* *Guinea*, that was sent me by their *Page* at *Kew-Green*.—All those *gallant* Gentlemen, then *present*, approved of my Resolution : But, *alas* ! the very next Week, our *gracious Queen Caroline* was seized with her *last* Sickness, and *departed* this *Life* !— Oh ! *Fatal Catastrophe* ! (according to my *Judgment*) for the *whole* *Realm* ; but, *apparently*, as aforesaid, fatal to *myself* in the most *particular* *Manner*.

Our reigning *gracious Monarch*, by a *current Report*, was so vastly grieved at first, for the *Loss* of his judicious *Consort* ; that he could hardly give Audience to his *Ministers of State*, upon *Business* of the greatest Importance ; much less to hear any *Complaints*, or peruse the *Writings* of his *private* *Soldiers*.—Therefore the *Booksellers published* that *well-meant* *Work* ; which *Treatise* soon *irritated* a great Number of *guilty Officers*, or *exasperated* the late Duke of *Marlborough's* *Descendents*, to such a vast Degree of *dire* *Revenge* ! (See Pages, 148, 149,) That they *quickly* had me *seized* in St. *James's Park*, and forcibly *shopt* into their *Savoy* ! When a strict Charge was given, especially to Captain *Howard* (then Head *Provost Marshal* of *England*)

*England*) not to let me send out *any* Letters; nor keep the *least* Correspondence under his Care, upon any *Account* whatsoever.

General *Philip Anstruther*, before that Time, was only *Colonel* of a Regiment that laid at *Gibraltar*: But, as Sir *Robert Walpole* was in great Danger of being pelted to Death by the enraged Rabble, for his *base* Attempt to pass the pernicious *Excise Bill*! That *officious* Colonel, by Report, drew his Sword at the Parliament-House Door, and endeavoured to defend that Prime Minister; but, the *presumptuous* Defender, it seems, nearly escap'd with his *own* Life at last! Howsoever, Sir *Robert* did not only get him commission'd as *Brigadier General* and *Lieutenant Governor* of *Minorca*, for his Behaviour, but also got the *Cameronian* Regiment sent quickly after him to that same *Island*.

Captain *Howard* (consider'd as a *Goal-Keeper*) gave me the best of *Advice* to *save* my Body; but, seemed to have *no* manner of Regard for the Soul; when he wanted me to ask Pardon of the *first* Offenders! (that *forced* me to write in my own *Defence*!) Otherwise, he *often* said, I should *probably* meet with more *severe* Treatment at *Minorca*; since Brigadier *Anstruther*, 'a very *stern* Officer,' would be well informed of all my Actions.—Just as that Captain *Provost* suggested, so it *happened* accordingly; therefore, I fancy, he must have had good Information, or some extraordinary *gift of prophecy*.

Presently after my landing at *Portmahon*, Brigadier *Anstruther's* Instruments sent me to the *Drill*, twice every Day, when off the King's Duty;

notwithstanding I had formerly passed several grand Reviews, both in *Hyde-park*, and several other Places, with great Applause for my Dexterity at Arms; and (not to sound my own Trumpet) can still perform our *old* Exercise to Perfection, either before his Majesty (if required) or the best experienc'd *General* Officers in *England*: But nevertheless, those ruling Tyrants kept me *nine* or *ten* Months at Exercise amongst *new* Recruits and *Irish*-Draughts, after the rest of my Ship-Mates were dismissed from their Drill.—Therefore, I should probably have *shot* the *Ring-Leader* of those *incarnate* Devils, only wanted a little Powder and Ball; since its well known, that the *Cameronians* had none allow'd, not one *single* Cartridge upon Guard, all the first *two* Years after their Regiment arrived at *Portmahon*.

Fine Guards, in Time of War, for the great Security of *Minorca*!—Several good Soldiers were unwilling to go upon the King's Duty without loading; since they were liable to many gross Insults, both from the Swarms of drunken Sailors at all Hours of the Night; and likewise, from the numerous Rabble of native *Spaniards*, that were inveterate Adversaries to the *naked* Soldierry! whose Serjeants and Corporals (being successively pester'd with such like Complaints) told their respective Companies for a great Secret, that *I* was the *sole* Occasion of their wanting such Ammunition! since *their* Officers reckoned *me* a *resolute* Fellow, not fit to be entrusted with any Cartridges, they would give none to the Rest, until their Regiment's removal

moval to another Garrison!—Let my Readers judge with Candour, according to this Assertion, and resolve me if they can; whether Governor *Anstruther* was not a greater Coward, or guilty of more gross Neglect, than the late accus'd Admiral *Byng*? who was seemingly shot in *Portsmouth* Harbour, for his downright Cowardice, or Neglect of Duty.

Howsoever, after we marched from that Governor's Guard at *Portmahon*, I was chiefly kept at *Fort St. Philip's*, *Furnell's Castle*, and *Ciudadella*; or sent to their *Signal-House* Guards, during the petty Tyrant's mere Pleasure, like a *French* Exile for *treasonable* Practices! otherwise *bill'd* up within the Gates of those Garrisons, not to pass the Sentinels upon any Conditions, until Governor *Anstruther* was re-call'd home the second Time—By Report, for the Breach of forty Articles, or upwards, in his *grand* Commissions! but, more probable, upon Account of the following Article, extracted from a Tract that I sent him five Years ago: Pages 23, 24.

‘ The grand *Turk* can't be *more* arbitrary at *Constantinople*, than a *proud* and *imperious* Governor in the Island of *Minorca*; especially, if there be any Truth in the private Report of a certain *Lord* and his *Linguist*, that were said to be washing or swimming in *Portmahon* Harbour, when a Lieutenant Governor appear'd: which young *Lord* sent the *Linguist* for his Cloaths, with an Intent, as it was suppos'd, of complimenting his Excellency, who was going out a Fowling near the Water-side, for his own Diversion; and took so much Pleasure

in shooting at *white* Marks (innocent or defenceless Men) that many People said, he cock'd his Piece and shot the Linguist for appearing naked in his Presence! therefore the said Lord came out of the Water, (running up naked also) and, consequently, accused the blind *Gunner*, with shooting his Servant instead of a Bird.—The said *cheif* Commander endeavoured to *excuse* himself, by saying, he did not know that the *Fellow* was his Lordship's Servant, for he took the *Búgar* to be some audacious Rascal of a *Soldier*! Which vulgar Discourse, and most odious Expressions, were that foul-mouth'd Monster's common Language, in his contumacious Phrases of common Men! However, that tyrannical Affair made a mighty Noise at *Minorca*, as the young Lord's intended Travels were suppos'd to be prevented by losing his Linguist; and, many People said, his Lordship proposed to lay that shocking Circumstance before the *British* Legislature.—As Major *Sinclair* commanded Col. *Anstruther's* Regiment, at *Gibraltar*, I likewise sent one of my Pamphlets to the Major; when his Honour approv'd of my Work very well in the main, only said, he heard that the Linguist recover'd. (so his *Colonel* escap'd the Gallows!) However, dead or alive, the Gunner never return'd to govern at *Minorca*.

† Notwithstanding Gen. *Blakeney* came to be our Ruler, perhaps one Year and an half before the general *Reduction*; for my *owen* Part, I could never get within that new *Governor's* Gate, until the Forces were embarked in *Portmahon* Harbour!

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by Reason that Lieut. Col. *Robert Anstruther* (the Generals Cousin) or some petty Officers of the same Stamp, gave strict Orders to their Grenadier Centries, not to let me pass thro' the said Gate, upon Pain of their being imprisoned and severely punished! Besides, our similiar new Governor seldom walk'd Abroad, without a shining Train of watchful Officers to attend his *Excellence*; so that he appear'd rather harder of Access, if possible, than His Majesty was at St. James's, during the last Session of Parliament: See, The MINISTERS PRACTICE, Page 15.

Leut. Col. *Robert Anstruther*, (after Lieut. Col. *William Hooke* was discarded to give him Place) pretended to buy good blue Watch-Coats for the whole Regiment; and therefore stopt about 17 or 18 s. from every Soldier, at 3 d. per Week, near 18 Months before his Moth-eaten Cloth came over to *Minorca*: So that puny griping Colonel, made some busy Work (but little Wealth) for his Taylors; and helped well, to fill their greedy Commanders Pockets, not forgetting his own private Purse at the same Time; since those rough Garments, given out by their encroaching Officers, it's still provable, were judged not worth above half the Money at last! Moreover, that cunning Colonel, and his Mercenary Companions, stopt Twelve-pence a-piece every Week, from a great Majority of their Duty Men; that could not furnish themselves with two or three clean Shirts, to mount their Fagots weekly Guards, besides good Shoes and Stockings to run amongst the rugged Rocks! Out of which Articles,

Articles, it's likewise provable, their lucrative Leaders commonly extorted one third Part.

By such intolerable Extortions, my serious Readers may readily judge, and tell me in plain Terms, what those oppressed Duty Men had to live upon at *Minorca*?—Otherwise I can tell their greatest Oppressors, and expert Arithmeticians; that 13d. a Week of *General Stoppages*, P. 5. & 15d. a Week of *Regimental Stoppages*, just Amounts to 2 s. 4 d. out of 3 s. 6 d. So it seems, there only remains 14 d. a-piece each Week, *Two-pence Sterling* every Day exactly; for those faithful Duty Men's Washing, Shaving, Powdering, and their own Subsistence!—Ask the *Prussian Hero*, if that was Right in Time of War?—Now, *Minorca* being ~~s—~~d, for a Warning to secure *Gibraltar*.

But, above all—Ask the *British Lion*, if *Anstruthers* and *Blakeney*, are not three *Robbers*? When I told the last named *Tyrant* of such *Tricks*, he threaten'd to have we well *Trounced*!—Major *Sinclair*, it seems, used to say that the *Cameronians* would never Thrive, so long as there was an *Anstruther* in their Regiment: And (with Regard to the whole Army) if *Britons* knew all, I really think they would say the same of *Blakeney*.— Nevertheless, L. G. *Philip Anstruther*, by Report, has got a Government in *Ireland*!—Lieut. Col. *Robert Anstruther*, it seems, is preferred to be full Col. in one of the Ten new raised Regiments!— Lieut. Gen. *William Blakeney*, not only created a Knight of the *Bath*, and a noble Lord in *England*, but likewise a Peer in *Ireland*!

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Very fine Deportment (O ! Rare—Old Ministry !) for three *Bravo's* Preferment.—Sir *Robert Walpole*, Sir *William Yonge* (formerly Secretary at War) and the Rest of their contemporary *Fraternity*, still seem to Rule the *Roast-beef* in *Old England*!—Notwithstanding a Man in Distress, the World must allow, can't very well be poetically disposed ; yet, I will venture to explain my Opinion in Poetry, upon this important Occasion ; and also, my firm Resolution, as follows.

Sir *Robert Walpole*—still ; our wise Councils *Baffle* !  
 Who dare name his sage *Grace* ; th' Duke of *Newcastle* ?  
 Sir *William Yonge*, likewise ; for——his selfish *Ends* ;  
 At th' *War-Office* yet ;——has living, weighty *Friends* !  
 Just so, bear down the *weak* ; and at new St—m'n *Strike* !  
 Unless it's still allow'd——that, They are All-Alike.  
*Anstruthers*, and *Blakeney*——all struck at me *Amain* !  
 Thus, if They still persist——I'll freely strike *Again*.  
 Dare they rashly, at once——into my Presence *Run* ? }  
 I'll *Strike*, or *Shoot*'em *All* ; with *B-y's* *Wooden Gun* : }  
 And merit my *Birth-Rt.*—*Br've M'rlb'r-h's Grandson*. }  
 Look-else ; *Britons* may see——That I am no *Dastard* : }  
 Born, near *Carlisle*, in *Cumberland*—(unless *Foster'd*) }  
 Honest *Nicol Earl's Grandson*——No *Duke's Bastard*. }

§ EXAMPLES for EITHER SEX ; or,  
 MOTIVES to EQUITY (sent to *Anstruther* five  
 Years past) did not only expose those Miscreants  
 at MINORCA ; but, also gave some brief Hints of  
 my Noble Descent, as abovementioned : There-  
 fore I carried a large Manuscript to *NewcastleHouse*,  
 March 1, A. D. 1755, and waited in their Porter's  
 Lodge ;

odge ; until Mr. Thomas Perry came down Stairs (in the Dutches of Newcastle's Name) and promised me a great Mountain, or Promotion, that proved no higher than a Mole-Hill at last, for my large Manuscript ! Which Breach of Promise excited me to entitle my preceding Tract.—The *Minister's Practice* ; or, The *Female Politician* : Not forgetting their similar Political Steward.

Since I was not only deprived of my Liberty, (besides Property) upwards of eleven Years, by those three notorious Tyrants at Minorca ! Yet, (no Benefit of the Habeas Corpus Act) as these three famous Politicians at Lincoln's Inn Fields, most likely, by their illegal Detention of that large Manuscript, were Accessary to the Death of my dear Wife ! For which weighty Reason, I present the Public with another Tract (gratis) and refer that serious Affair to their impartial Judgment.— An Appendix to the Magistrates Adviser (likewise to be had of the Author) *Errata* 1. Omit the *Apostrophy*, either in the Title Page or Head Piece.—2. Page 13, Line 23, for September, read December.—3. Page 14, Line 28, for Contributions, read Countenance and Protection.

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